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10.	New York	United States of America	
11.	Los Angeles	United States of America	
12.	Buenos Aires	Argentina	Ordered to be closed
13.	Toronto	Canada	
14.	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	
15.	Johannesburg	South Africa	
16.	Tokyo	Japan	
17.	London	United Kingdom	
18.	Moscow	Russia	Closed already

Cruise Tourism

†3769. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to tap the potential of 'Cruise Tourism', which of late is emerging as an important dimension in foreign tourist arrivals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the infrastructure facilities that are proposed to be provided at major ports for attracting cruise liners?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) However, considering the potential of Cruise Tourism, the Government have constituted two National Committees *viz.* one Committee under the chairmanship of Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

to explore the possibilities of cruise tourism in the major ports in India and also to assess the requirements of Cruise Tourism and the second Committee under the chairmanship of Director General of Tourism for Marketing Cruise Tourism in India and to formulate strategies, action points to promote Cruise Tourism.

Construction of Yatri Niwas

3770. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Financial Assistance provided to various State Governments and Union Territories for construction of Yatri Niwas in different parts of the country during the last three years; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to utilize the allocated/sanctioned funds for construction of Yatri Niwas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India grants financial assistance every year to the State Governments/UT Administrations in consultation with them for the projects relating to development and promotion of tourism including Construction of Yatri Niwases. A Statement showing details of Yatri Niwases for which funds were sanctioned/released during the last three years in various States is annexed (*See* below).

(b) Implementation of the projects and utilization of funds is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India reviews the progress periodically and monitors the implementation of the projects.